

NEWS FROM SOUTHLAND.

Rev. E. C. Morris Brings a Cheering Message From Far-off Arkansas—Northern Capital Filling the Negro's Market-Basket—Other Features.

One of the most practical addresses to which the Second Baptist Lyceum has had the pleasure of listening recently, was that delivered by Rev. E. C. Morris, of Arkansas, president of the National Baptist Association. Rev. Morris was in the city en route to his home in Little Rock, after having attended the Ecumenical Conference in New York City where he said the Negro was not permitted to out a large figure. He spoke to the Lyceum on the status of the Negro in the South from a business and educational standpoint. Rev. Morris is a forceful speaker and held the large audience from first to last.

The speaker contended that the white people of the South do not oppose colored men engaging in business, often giving them valuable assistance. It is the political and social relations which they oppose. The present conditions which prevail in the South, he said, are beneficial in that they have forced the colored people together as nothing else could do. The South is opening up large opportunities for bringing together Northern Capital and the Southern Negro. The factories and mills now being operated in the South call for large increase of employment of colored labor at living wages. The speaker contrasted the large number of colored people in business in the South with the comparatively few thus occupied in the North. The matter of education was also spoken of. The speaker said he was heartily in favor of industrial education, but not as the exclusive education. He believed in the higher education as well.

Miss Georgia Savoy rendered an instrumental solo with much skill and effect. Dr. Charles A. Johnson, of Canada editor of the "British Lion," made a few remarks, commending the Lyceum on its high position in the affairs of the Nation. The committee on the school question made its report through its chairman, Prof. N. E. Weatherless, who, in an address, spoke of his reception by the Senate sub-committee having the matter in charge. Prof. Weatherless states that the credit for the action of the committee in recommending the increase on the Board of Education and other changes from the original bill, is due largely to the effective work of the Second Baptist Lyceum. Senator T. T. Allain of Illinois made a few interesting remarks touching the work of the Lyceum and the committee. Congressman George H. White was unanimously requested to say something before the Lyceum. Mr. White made the observation, where we differed in matters political and religious, we should unite on all things of interest to our race. He was given a tremendous ovation, as is always the case when Congressman White honors a Washington audience with his presence.

A GOOD SHOWING.

The Review of Work for a Season—Notes of the Faculty.

Howard University ends the year with the following general summary which we take from the new catalogue: Theological Department 56, Medical Department 193, Nurses' Training School 82, Law Department 77, Department of Pedagogy 130, College Department 86, Preparatory Department 145, English Department 141, Department of Agriculture 7, Music Department 201, Grand total 1018. Deduct Departments of Music and Agriculture 208. Total 810. The students are from the following states, territories, foreign lands: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Colorado, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, New Hampshire, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Africa,

Bermuda, Bulgaria, Burmah, Canada, Corea, England, Hungary, South America and West Indies.

This is an advance of more than one hundred during the current twelve months. Every department has been well manned, the work has been well done, general health has prevailed, no serious cases of discipline has occurred. The new Professor Hay has taken hold with enthusiasm. Mr. G. W. Cook has given admirable instruction in elocution. Prof. Moore has imparted to the Pedagogic Department a successful initial impulse, the great professional departments have been full and have graduated large classes. Congress has been generous and kind, the Honorable Secretary of the Interior and the Honorable Commissioners of the District have shown a helpful interest. The Colored American is glad of the record. The coming year we shall carry a permanent advertisement of the university.

HERE MENTION.

Rev. Walter Brooks now lives at 1419 Corcoran street, northwest.

Mrs. O. M. Barker of 1505 P street, left last Tuesday morning for Atlantic City, N. J., where she will spend the summer.

Make up a party of congenial friends and secure a box at the opera at the Academy of Music, June 1. You can't afford to miss it.

The sale of seats for the opera is yet on at Henry White's music store 1331 G street, n. w. Go at once before the house is sold out.

Mrs. F. L. Cardozo and Miss Blanche Margareth are spending a few weeks at Atlantic City with the former's mother.

Marcus Guillaume, the Moorish basso, is specially fitted for the Pirate King. He will be heard to great advantage June 1, in the opera "Pirates of Penzance."

The city is alive with news of the opera, June 1. The latest report is that more than half the house is sold already. Get your seats at once, 50, 75 and \$1.00.

Mr. W. H. Winfrey of Newport News, Va., has been spending several days in the city as the guest of Mr. Joshua Anderson, one of the proprietors of the McKinley House.

The chorus work in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" is magnificent. Director Lewis says, "that the work will be a revelation." June 1, is the date and the Academy of Music the place.

There are six specially engaged soloists in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" who will vie with each other for supremacy and the good will of the audience. Get your seats now for the opera June 1.

With the prices that prevail for the opera, the impression is made that if you can't afford to go now, you are hardly worthy of being sized up as "being in it." By all means go. June 1 is the date.

Mr. Walter Franklin, the new tenor from Cincinnati, made a most pleasing impression upon the critical audience that usually assembles at University Park Temple.

When the new school law is passed, the friends of Mr. J. W. F. Smith the popular secretary to the superintendent, are determined that he shall be one of the three clerks provided for by the measure.

The members of the Metropolitan Baptist church at the request of Mrs. F. L. Winslow and Miss H. F. McWill have contributed an excellent sum with which to purchase a handsome roller-top oak desk for Mr. John H. Johnson, who is one of the young graduates in medicine from Howard last week.

Prince Hall Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will give its second annual reception at Odd Fellows' Hall, Friday, May 25th. Those who attended the Calico Reception last May at Grand Army Hall should keep the above date in mind.

Mrs. A. M. Johnson, Past Matron of Prince Hall Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was the recipient of a handsome jeweled ring, presented by the Chapter at its last regular meeting. Mrs. Helen A. Jackson made the presentation address.

At a meeting of the medical professors of Howard University, Dr. Reburn was made Dean of the Medical Department in place of Dr. Hood deceased, Dr. Purvis graciously declining the honor. The meeting was entirely harmonious. Secretary Shadd was re-elected.

Mrs. Annie M. Johnson, of No. 1737 K street, n. w., was "at home" to the ladies of Prince Hall Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, last Monday evening. The ladies sat down to an elaborate menu at 10 o'clock and handsomely served by Messrs. Samuel B. Jackson, A. Lincoln Brown, Robert T. Douglass and Dr. J. H. McDuffee, members of Prince Hall Lodge.

The ladies of the northwest have organized a five dollar shirt system offer which is the system used by Mrs. Livingston of New York, who is the inventor and patentee of the French Dress Cutting Machine. Headquarters have been opened up in this city and Mrs. L. R. Clarke of 1519 P street has been given supervision of the work. Lessons day and evening. Arrangements can be made for evening lessons during the day. Call and examine the system and receive first instructions free.

Mrs. Marie S. Foster, of Cambridge, Mass., who has been visiting our city for a few days the guest of Mrs. Chas. Harris of Chase street, has left for Philadelphia. She was accompanied by Miss Nellie George, of Washington, D. C., who is the guest of Miss Bertha Jenifer of North Carey street, and will remain a few days longer. While here they were the recipients of much attention. Both being social favorites.

Mr. Edward Matthews' host of friends have been crowding into the Philadelphia House this week, quizzing him about a certain matrimonial rumor that has been floating up and down the Avenue. "Ed" blushing denies the allegation, but it is noticed that he is getting a quicker "hustle on him," and that his bank account is growing—both of which may be significant of impending new responsibilities.

At the recent commencement of the Hamilton (Ohio) High School, one of the three speakers selected was a colored youth, Thomas Howard, son of Mr. Thomas A. Howard of the Internal Revenue Bureau. The daily papers thus speak of the selection: "The action of the committee in selecting and the class (Senior) in approving the name of Thomas Howard (colored) as one of the speakers, was most commendable. This action clearly showed that the selection of speakers was entirely impartial, merit being the only requisite."

AMPHION GLEE CLUB.

The Amphion Glee Club is an honor to the people of Washington. Prof. J. Henry Lewis is unquestionably one of the nation's ablest musical directors, and he has put a great deal of time, energy and talent into the work of training this organization, until it is almost "letter perfect," both in tone and expression of "motif." The Amphions are especially happy in the selection of their songs, and they never fail to please, whether the theme be grave or gay. The Amphions made a pronounced hit last Sunday week at the Second Baptist Lyceum in the presence of nearly 1,000 persons.

To the good thinking people of Washington, if you are thinking of given a party don't forget to consult the Delmo Koonce.

Rev. H. H. Proctor, pastor of the First Congregational church of Atlanta, Ga., has accepted the invitation to preach the Annual Commencement Sermon at the Tuskegee Normal and Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., Sunday, May 27th. Dr. I. B. Scott, Editor, The Southwestern Christian Advocate has also consented to deliver the Annual Commencement Address at the same institution, Thursday, May 31st.

The grave and lot of Mrs. Henry Forrest who died four years ago were beautifully decorated last Monday by her husband General Forrest. He is known by his many friends for his generous traits and his broad charity.

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